

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached are replacement drawings (Figs. 1-5) which replace the informal drawings (Figs. 1-5).

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1-5)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Minor changes are made to the Specification. Claims 1-12 remain in this application. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 11 are the independent claims. Claim 7 has been amended for an informality. It is believed no new matter is added in the amendments. Entrance and consideration of the amendments are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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